

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame and at least one contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, at least in a limited longitudinal portion of the frame, the contact plate is completely and tightly surrounded by the same.

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 23, wherein the contact plate is additionally positively held in frame.

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 23, wherein on one side of the contact plate, the frame has crossbars between which the PTC elements can be inserted.

6. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame and at least one contact plate held in said insulating

frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is frictionally held in the frame so that the contact plate cannot be drawn out of the frame without damaging the frame, and wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal struts surround recesses for receiving the PTC elements and the frame includes crossbars constructed as inwardly directed studs for the positive retention of the PTC elements.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 23, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs.

11. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 23, wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

12. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on a side of the contact plate remote from a reception side for the PTC elements, the frame is

completely closed and consequently the contact plate is provided with a covering completely covering the same.

13. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

14-28 (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame and at least one contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim ~~23~~, wherein bulges, projecting over at least one narrow side of the frames are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

32. (New) Device according to claim 29, wherein on one side of the contact

plate, the frame has crossbars between which the PTC elements can be inserted.

33. (New) Device according to claim 6, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame.

34. (New) Device according to claim 33, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs.

35. (New) Device according to claim 29, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame.

36. (New) Device according to claim 35, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs.

37. (New) Device according to claim 6, wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

38. (New) Device according to claim 37, wherein on a side of the contact plate remote from a reception side for the PTC elements, the frame is completely closed and consequently the contact plate is provided with a covering completely covering the same.

39. (New) Device according to claim 37, wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

40. (New) Device according to claim 29, wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

41. (New) Device according to claim 40, wherein on a side of the contact plate remote from a reception side for the PTC elements, the frame is completely closed and consequently the contact plate is provided with a covering completely covering the same.

42. (New) Device according to claim 40, wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

43. (New) Device according to claim 6, wherein bulges, projecting over at least one narrow side of the frames are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

44. (New) Device according to claim 29, wherein bulges, projecting over at least one narrow side of the frames are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.